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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: MILITARY MUTINY

REF: ASMARA ONLPR

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED FURTHER INFO CONFIRMING IEN BASE AT MASSAWA IS IN HANDS OF ARMY, MARINE, AND NAVY DISSIDENTS. GOVERNOR OF MASSAWA AND OTHER OFFICIALS ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT THEY WILL BE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST. MASSAWA AIRPORT CLOSED. THERE IS GROUP OF SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM KAGNEW SCHOOL AT MASSAWA SINCE LAST WEEKEND. THEY REPORTEDLY ARE COMFORTABLE AND SAFE AT RED SEA EST CENTER, WITH NO PROBLEMS.

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2. CONGEN HAS BEEN INFORMED RADM DESTA DID DEPART NAVY

BASE HASTILY EITHER LAST NIGHT OR EARLY THIS MORNING ON FORMER  
MINE SWEEPER M-41. LOYALNAVY AIDE HERE CURRENTLY IS  
ATTEMPTING TO REACH DESTA BY RADIO.

3. AS TEST OF LOCAL SCENARIO I THIS MORNING SENT GIFT-  
WRAPPED BOTTLE OF LIQUEUR TO MIL AIDE OF GOV GEN AT PALACE  
VIA MY CHAUFFEUR. CHAUFFEUR CONFIRMS OTHER REPORTS THAT  
PALACE IS SURROUNDED AND UNDER CONTROL OF DISSIDENT GROUP,  
AND THAT GOV GEN INDEED IS EFFECTIVELY UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

4. WHILE LOCAL RADIO WAS TAKEN OVER LAST NIGHT BY DISSIDENTS,  
MORNING ITALIAN NEWSPAPER CONTAINED ONLY USUAL TRIVIA,  
WITHOUT EFFORT BY DISSIDENTS TO PUBLISH THEIR VIEWS.

5. SINCE DICTATING ABOVE, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED WATERMAN  
STEAMSHIP SS GEORGE WALTON IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE MASSAWA AT  
121 LOCAL FEB. 28. I HAVE INFORMED LOCAL AGENT I SEE NO REASON  
TO CHANGE HER COURSE.

6. CONGEN HAS JUST RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT MAAG LCDR  
VOLLMER AND TWO MAAG NAVY CHIEFS HAVE BEEN PERMITTED  
DEPART IEN BASE AT MASSAWA AND ARE BACK SAFELY AT RED SEA  
REST CENTER.  
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